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1. A method for controlling transmission energy of a communication station, comprising:

determining a characteristic of a propagation path between said communication station and a second communication station;

selecting a power control step size in accordance with said characteristic of the propagation path;

receiving closed loop power control commands at said communication

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adjusting said transmission energy of said communication station in accordance with said closed loop power control commands and said power control step size.

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